

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated March 26, 2004. No new matter has been added. It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. By virtue of this amendment, claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and further examination of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. In the Office Action, the Examiner:

- Objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for failure to show “determining allocation sites”;
- Objected to the Figure 9 for a typographical error; and
- Rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for being indefinite.

Objection to The Drawings Under 37 CFR 1.83(a)

As noted above, the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for failure to show “determining allocation sites”. As an initial matter, independent claims 1, 8 and 10 have been amended to clarify “identifying one or more allocation sites inside the body B of each of method M”. This Examiners attention is drawn to the Specification, where pseudo code is shown on pages 29 – 36, and especially page 32. The Specification clearly teaches to those of average skill in the field of call graph construction algorithms such as RTA (Rapid Type Analysis) as applied to object-oriented programming the present invention. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner’s objection to the Drawings is clearly erroneous in light of the specific teachings of the pseudo code in the Specification as originally filed. Of course, if the Examiner would like the Applicants to copy any portion of the Specification from pages 29 – 36 into one or more tables in a drawing, the Applicants would be more than willing to comply. However, Applicants submit that this is unnecessary since this is clearly taught in the Specification as originally filed. It is submitted that the present response overcomes this rejection of the

drawings and places the application in condition for allowance or, at least, presents the application in better form for appeal. Entry of the present response is therefore respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection.

Objection to Figure 9

As noted above, the Examiner objected to the FIG. 9 for a typographical error. Entrance of the above-indicated amendment to FIG. 9 is hereby requested. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for pointing out the typographical error. The amended FIG. 9, included with this Amendment, corrects this typographical error. No new matter has been added. The Applicants submit that the Examiner's objection to FIG. 9 has been overcome.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

As noted above, the Examiner rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for being indefinite. Claims 17 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection to claims 17 and 18 have been rendered moot. Continuing further claims 1-5 and 8-14 have been amended to clarify the present invention and correct any antecedent basis problems. Applicants respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph has been overcome and the Applicants submit that this application is in a condition for allowance, which allowance is requested.

CONCLUSIONS

The remaining cited references have been reviewed and are not believed to effect the patentability of the claims as previously amended.

In light of the Office Action, Applicants believe these amendments serve a useful

clarification purpose, and are desirable for clarification purposes, independent of patentability. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claim amendments do not limit the range of any permissible equivalents.

Applicants acknowledge the continuing duty of candor and good faith to the disclosure of information known to be material to the examination of this application. In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, all such information is dutifully made of record. The foreseeable equivalents of any territory surrendered by amendment is limited to the territory taught by the information of record. No other territory afforded by the doctrine of equivalents is knowingly surrendered and everything else is unforeseeable at the time of this amendment by the Applicants and their attorneys.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the grounds for rejection stated in the Examiner's Office Action have been overcome, and that all claims in the application are allowable. No new matter has been added. It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

PLEASE, if for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call either of the undersigned attorneys at (561) 989-9811 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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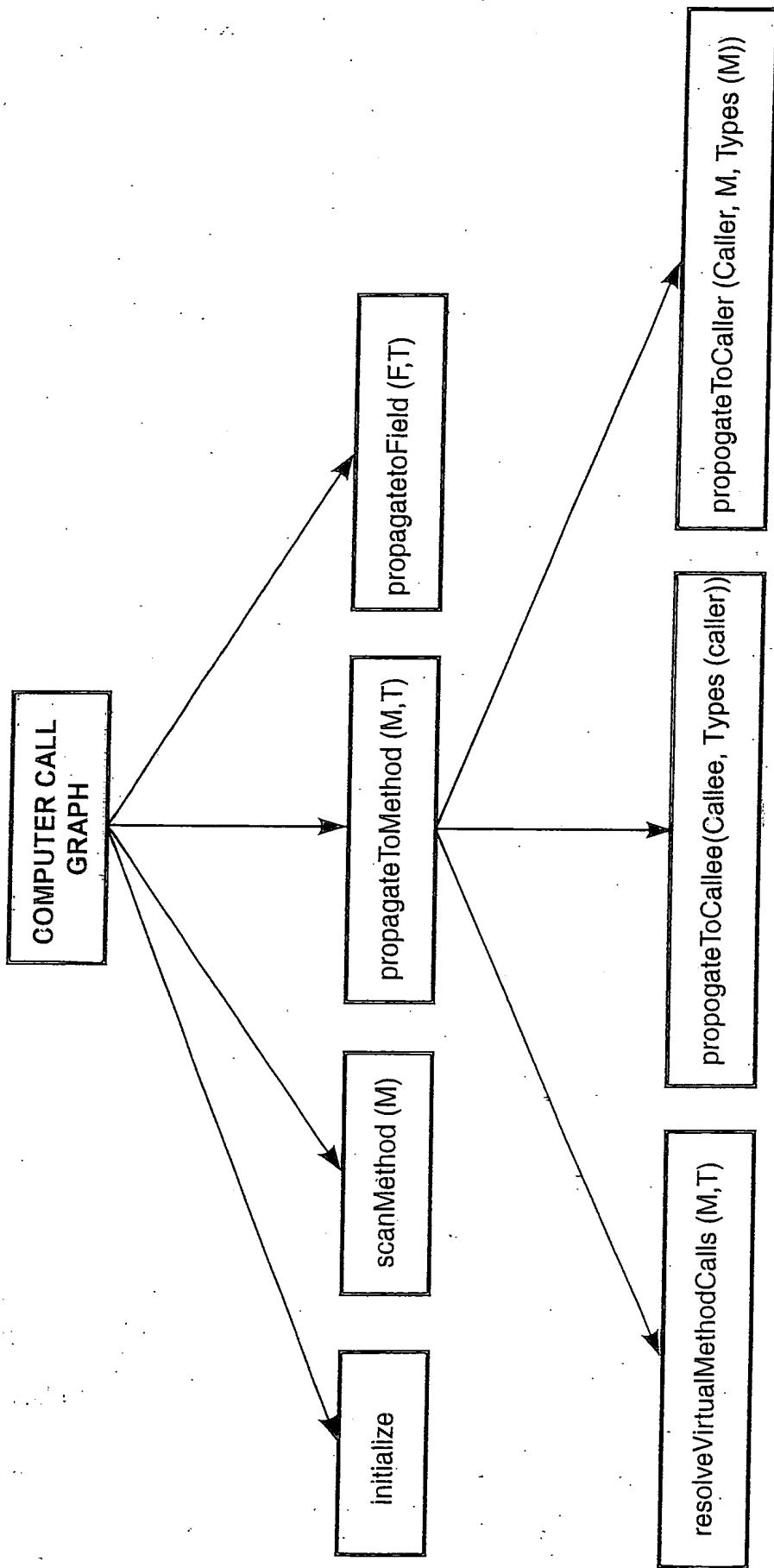
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APPENDIX B

ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING MARKUP



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FIG. 9

